

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 -29. (cancelled)

30. A delivery device for placing an implant in the myocardium of a patient comprising:

a steerable delivery catheter having at least one lumen and a defined length;

an elongate shaft slidable through the lumen the delivery catheter having a proximal end, a sharpened distal end capable of piercing tissue and a length greater than the length of the delivery catheter;

means at the distal end of the shaft for releasably retaining the implant in a low profile first configuration and configured to release the implant to a large profile second configuration.

31. A method of percutaneously delivering an implant to myocardial tissue comprising :

providing an implant having a low profile first configuration and a large profile second configuration;

providing a delivery catheter having proximal and distal ends and at least one lumen defined between the ends;

providing an elongate shaft slidable through the lumen of the delivery catheter, having a sharp distal end and means for releasably retaining the implant in its first configuration at the distal end of the shaft;

inserting the delivery catheter in the patient and navigating it through the patient's vessels to the left ventricle and positioning the distal end adjacent myocardial tissue;

advancing the shaft, with the implant retained on the distal end, through the lumen of the delivery catheter so that so that the sharp distal end of the shaft and implant protrude from the distal end of the catheter and penetrate the myocardium;

positioning the implant to the desired depth in the myocardium;

releasing the implant from the distal end of the shaft so that it expands to its second configuration in the myocardium;

withdrawing the shaft and delivery catheter from the patient.

30-35. (cancelled)